Docket No.: 50427-760 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Junichi KAMIMURA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 6915

Serial No.: 10/649,648 : Group Art Unit: 3721

Allowed: March 09, 2004

Filed: August 28, 2003 : Examiner: Chukwurah

For: ELECTRIC POWER TOOL

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated March 09, 2004.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed May 6, 2004. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and stamped return postcard acknowledgement.

The Information Disclosure Statement filed May 6, 2004 authorized the Patent and Trademark Office to charge our Deposit Account the processing fee under 1.17(p) of \$180.00 and Applicants certified that they had known of the prior art less than 3 months. It is noted the second paragraph (which has been highlighted), of the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 6, 2004 incorrectly stated that "This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. Filing date OR before

the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required."

However, the second paragraph should have properly indicated that "This Information

Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and

after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of

the Issue Fee." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that:

(1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicants;

and

(2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and

made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The undersigned hereby requests consideration and entry of this Information Disclosure

Statement and accompanying references under 37 CFR 1.97(d).

Please charge the processing fee under 1.17(p) of \$180.00 to Deposit Account 500417.

CERTIFICATION PARAGRAPH

The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Information

Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a

counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information

Disclosure Statement as described in 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).

Each non-English language reference was cited in a corresponding foreign application

search report or office action and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the foreign search

report or office action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the

Examiner's information.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit

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